

**District 87 - Support for HB 4554**

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**Date:** 6/22/2007 3:41 PM  
**Subject:** Support for HB 4554

Rep Calley

Dear Sir

I am writing to show my support for this bill.

As a Michigan DNR Hunter Safety Instructor I do a demonstration during our classes about the different burning properties of Smokeless verses Black Powder.

History tells us that smokeless powder was made to replace Black Powder many years ago. There are many reasons for this and the biggest of them is that smokeless powder is much more stable than Black Powder. Look at the BATF regulations on storing Black Powder compared to Smokeless and you will see some drastic differences.

Retailers of Black powder must store it in a fireproof safe while smokeless powder sits on the shelves out in the open. The reason for this is the explosive nature of Black powder.

Many states already allow the use of smokeless powder in muzzleloaders and have had no adverse problems due to its use.

Again I would say please let us use smokeless powder in muzzleloaders that are designed for its use.

Thank You  
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**Date:** 6/24/2007 11:31 AM  
**Subject:** Attn Brian Calley \*support bill 4554\*

Brian, my name is Craig Harmon and I wanted to write to you and voice my opinion about bill 4554, specifally my support of it.

I grew up in eastern Indiana, but I now live in southeastern Virginia (that's where I retired from the navy). I have always enjoyed hunting and fishing in Michigan, Indiana, and the NW corner of Ohio. My firearm of choice for deer hunting is my muzzleloader. I use a Savage 10ml2, which is designed to use smokeless powder. I believe that muzzleloader hunting is the best of any firearms season, due to the fact that it forces hunters to hunt, to wait for the right shot, and be sure of what they are shooting. I do not believe that smokeless powder gives an advantage to anyone using it with the exception of easier and less frequent cleanings. The so-called magnum muzzleloaders shooting 150 grains of triple 7 powder have approximately the same ballistics as the smokeless savages. Given the opportunity to legally use my gun in Michigan I would seriously consider bringing it with me the next time I go home to visit during the holidays and seeing if I could get a non resident permit for Michigan. Thank you for your time and consideration. Craig

**From:** "Duane Munson" <Duane.Munson@mcsdistrict.com>  
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**Date:** Sat, Jun 23, 2007 3:54 PM  
**Subject:** savage ML smokeless muzzleloader

Please vote to make smokeless muzzleloaders legal in Michigan. The savage gun I have is very safe and is very reliable. The gun shoots a very safe distance and you can see after you shoot. As the powder is cheaper then black powder. thankyou for your time. Duane k. Munson

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**From:** "Daniel Bishop" <dlbishop1@twcny.rr.com>  
**To:** <dist087@house.mi.gov>  
**Date:** 6/22/2007 9:16 PM  
**Subject:** bill 4554

Dear Representative Calley,

Although I am not a resident of your state, I am writing in support of bill 4554 which will allow the use of modern smokeless gun powder in muzzle loaders designed for its use. I am a resident of New York State where this is allowed but would certainly consider hunting in MI during the muzzle loading season were this bill to pass. Smokeless powder was the original, and remains the best substitute for black powder. My reasons for using smokeless powder in my muzzleloader are because it is more economical than black powder or other black powder substitutes, it is non-corrosive (which is not the case for black powder or other subs) and thus does not require constant cleaning of the gun, it is by far the most stable (least likely to ignite and, unlike black powder it won't explode) and safest of the propellant options, and it is possible to achieve similar velocities with less recoil (kick) and is therefore more enjoyable to shoot which also contributes to accuracy. Accuracy contributes to quick, humane kills which is the goal of every hunter.

I'd really like to thank you for taking the initiative on this issue. Watching this develop from afar has renewed my faith that this form of government really does work.

Respectfully,  
Daniel Bishop  
New York State